

THEY HELPED DEFEAT ADOLF HITLER, BENITO MUSSOLINI AND JIM CROW.



Tuskegee Airmen of the first all-black fighter squadron.

During the second World War, laws kept black people at the back of the bus, out of the job market and even out of certain restaurants. However, in 1941, thanks to President Franklin D. Roosevelt, the skies were wide open. They were called the Tuskegee Airmen, units of black men trained to become combat pilots and ultimately heroes. Some referred to it as a "test case" and



doubted the program would be successful. But to the surprise of many, the 450 black pilots sent into combat destroyed 251 enemy aircraft, sunk

The Tuskegee Airmen had to work from segregated barracks and mess halls and even separate flight lines. That was not enough to stop them from proving that they were first-rate mechanics as well.

one German warship and destroyed thousands of misconceptions.

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